GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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PROMOTION TO EDIBLE OIL INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to promote edible oil industry in the country;

(b) if so; whether any steps have been taken so far in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. There is no Employment Guarantee Scheme (EGS) under which foodgrains are allocated or distributed by the Government at present. Under the Mid-day Meal (MDM) Scheme, there are no reports that the foodgrains are not being timely distributed affecting the scheme at large. Sometimes stocks get delayed either due to Food Corporation India(FCI)`s operational constraints or delayed lifting by State/UTs Governments for which required extensions are granted for ensuring uninterrupted supply of foodgrains under the scheme.